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New water fountain

As promised by administration officials, a smaller water fountain for use by people in wheelchairs was installed last week on the first floor of Bronson Hall. The action was a result of an Almagest story which indicated there was only one low water fountain on the entire campus. (photo: Randy Griffith)

Almagest news analysis

Senate creates service

by GARRETT STEARNS

Creation of the Office of Public Information Service, Student Welfare Committee problems in organization and a mid-semester picture of the Student Government Association highlighted Friday's SGA Senate meeting. The Office of Public Information Service with David Gorsulowsky as chairman received approval. The office will share its facilities currently being used by the Office of Special Research.

THE STUDENT WELFARE Committee has been unable to act on bills due to some members—even the chairman Houston Burnside—not attending regularly scheduled

meetings or specially called emergency meetings.

Tim Hardy, SGA vice president, commented more on the welfare committee in his mid-semester SGA picture given in the meeting. He began, "Basically I would say that the Senate has accomplished much in getting organized with the exception of the Student Welfare Committee. This committee has had problems with its chairman, plus other members not attending meetings, which has impaired its service to the students."

"I highly commend Community Relations and Issues Committee with its work with the LSUS State Fair Booth; also the "Know Your Candidates Forum" where so many well-

known and interesting candidates are to come here. It has been a successful adventure. I would particularly like to commend Kenny Beauvais, chairman of this committee," Hardy said.

STRESSING THE NEED to do more for the student body, Hardy said, "Right now it seems we take a lot of time on constitutional reform, which is needed—but I would like to take some emphasis off working within ourselves because it really doesn't do much for the students outside at present."

Hardy then announced "a program of action to make our request known to the administration" on the extension of library hours. The program was prefaced with an explanation of how and why Hardy got interested in this problem.

Midsemester grades may be picked up in the Registrar's Office Monday. Students must present their IDs.

Hardy cited "lack of library time for those people who work for a living in the day and are faced with other problems in the evenings besides night classes. Also, we have the problem of the full-time student, who like myself, must work in the evenings. The best time to do research is on the weekends for both types of students and the present hours on Sunday are inadequate and must be increased," Hardy added.

Hardy's library survey plan includes a questionnaire for faculty to be administered by the senators elected from their respective colleges. At-large senators, working under the direction of Hardy, are to circulate petitions to students on campus indicating the interest and support of the student body.

PROCEEDINGS AFTER this address included a report by Kenny Beauvais on his dissatisfaction with Senate members who had not volunteered to help with the SGA

See page four, SGA.

Poor planning affects fair booth

by RANDY GRIFFITH

By tradition, the Student Government Association (SGA) senate has been in charge of the annual LSUS exhibit booth at the Louisiana State Fair and, according to an ex-senator, has been "thrown together" virtually every year.

This year was no exception. But exactly why the planning for the booth had been delayed has caused a rift in the senate reaching to one of the highest offices in the SGA.

THE DIVISION developed earlier this semester when SGA vice president Tim Hardy turned the plans for the booth over to the Communities and Relations Committee, chaired by senator Kenny Beauvais.

According to Beauvais, Hardy did not assign the committee the project until it was too late to do much of the planning.

As a matter of fact, the senator claims he didn't even receive the official letter of invitation from state fair officials until Oct. 6, well past deadlines specified in the letter for information on the booth chairman, the number of gate passes needed and the schedule for manning the booth. The letter is postmarked Sept. 16.

Furthermore, Beauvais said Hardy didn't even turn the letter over to him at all; it was only after Beauvais saw the letter in Hardy's desk "that I had any idea about what we were supposed to do."

Both Hardy and SGA president Billy Lyons vehemently denied Hardy had been negligent in his duties. "It was not until Sept. 19 that the senate could even appoint committees, because before then there was no pro tempore or parliamentarian," Lyons said.

"The very next week, after the committee chairman was

chosen, the fair booth assignment was given to the Community and Relations Committee," he continued.

Hardy said he had trouble even getting the official invitation. "The fair officials forgot to mail ours and consequently we were late getting our instructions."

THIS YEAR'S BOOTH is considerably smaller than last year's. Beauvais said this was because of the missed deadlines, which, he said, also caused the school to be assigned fewer passes than last year.

"We just didn't have time to get enough passes or to put up a nice exhibit representative of the school," Beauvais said.

However, it was not clear if the missed deadlines were directly the cause of the smaller booth or fewer passes. According to Tony Sanders, ex-president of the SGA, deadlines were missed almost every year, "yet we still had a nice size booth and all the passes we needed. We even asked for passes after the fair opened and got them."

Sanders speculated the reason for the smaller booth might have been because of rotation with other schools "or maybe because our's is not a 'professional' exhibit, in that it is not a permanent display as are other school's."

Lyons and Hardy also said the space was, they thought, assigned well before the semester started and had nothing to do with the deadlines.

STATE FAIR OFFICIALS could not be contacted for comment. However, the Almagest learned the booth assignments were included with the letter of invitation, indicating booth assignments were probably made some time ago.

Lyons, in defending Hardy, See page eight, fair booth.

Grading policy changed

by GEORGE SYLVIE

Freshman remedial courses English 005 and Mathematics 007 will be graded on a pass-no credit basis beginning the spring semester, according to Dr. Gary K. Brashier, vice chancellor for Academic Affairs.

The Courses and Curricula Committee met Oct. 10 and unanimously approved a recommendation for a change in the grading policy. The recommendation was contained in a memorandum from the Academic Affairs Office and was requested by the English and Mathematics departments.

ARGUMENTS FOR the policy alteration included three main points. First, the new system would have a greater holding effect on freshmen. Many who might drop out of college discouraged by their grades might be encouraged to continue beyond the critical first semester adjustment and be able to continue their education.

Secondly, the current system does not provide for the fact that remedial course credits are not counted toward any degree requirement program. However, the grade points earned are averaged into the overall grade point average.

ALSO, SOME students who recognize an inadequacy in English or math may want to enroll in a remedial course for personal benefit before taking advanced courses. The prospect of a low grade in a remedial course may carry such a stigma that students will take advanced classes which have a higher potential for failure due to the student's inadequate background. Dr. Brashier noted that the change in grading policy "has been under consideration for a year. One of the things we want to do for the students is to give them special help in making the transition from an inadequate, minimal background or from no background at all."



SGA Senator Susan Smith mans State Fair booth. (photo: Greg Goodwin)

A slow semester - but not uneventful

It's always hard to let go of summer. Probably because of the lingering summer days we've had the past few weeks, it is hard to believe mid semester has actually come and gone.

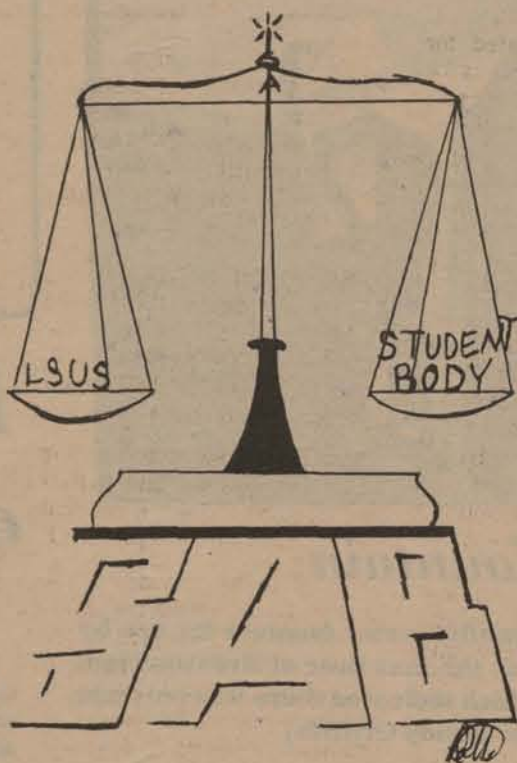
The dazed look in the eyes of many students is evidence that the semester is just going by too fast. And deep in their minds many of them know that finals are only around the corner.

But now, we can take a pause to catch our breaths (if for only one second) and to look back on what progress, as it relates to the students, has been made.

The ghost of semesters past has certainly left us. Compared to the past year, this semester has indeed been quiet. Virtually nothing has approached the controversy, to pick an example, as the Lancaster incident of last semester. Although this has left a vacuum of news, we can be thankful for a relatively calm few months.

However, the past few weeks have not been uneventful. Several organizations, particularly those directly involved with the students, have provided a half semester of entertainment and, suprisingly enough, student response has been beyond all expectations.

The Student Activities Board (SAB) is definitely the leader in this area. The organization encompasses many different facets of student life, all of which have had a successful semester so far.



The Friday night movies, for example. But almost anyone's judgment, we have had a wide variety of top notice movies. Also, they are shown at not just once but sometimes three, and always two times. Attendance at every movie has been in the hundreds, an achievement those involved should take great pride in. The students owe a debt of thanks to those instrumental in arranging the schedule and working the shows each week.

Intramurals have enjoyed excellent participation, perhaps better than anyone expected. There were several active flag

football teams and some games actually have drawn large crowds (one had close to 100 spectators). A couple of years ago, even one year ago, that size crowd would have been unheard of.

With basketball season here, there are 12 teams signed up, meaning at least 60 people will be participating. This is significant indeed; maybe, just maybe, that old cliché "apathy" maybe leaving our vocabulary.

The recent SAB dance was, be all accounts, not only most successful but most enjoyable. Although there was legitimate concern over the price of drinks at the dance (no beer or soft drinks were allowed in), this problem will probably be resolved by the next dance. But the crowd was the big news. Just a couple of years ago, nobody would have dreamed of that size crowd at a campus dance; not for LSUS.

Other activities, such as the circus last week and the Artists and Lecturers speakers, have added to the wide range of activities for the students.

If all this sounds as if we are somewhat shocked, it is because we are. The popularity of these activities is indeed a pleasant surprise. We owe all of those who work hard for the students in sponsoring these activities our support and, of course, our thanks. They have done an outstanding job.

Is football a game?

(Editor's note: The following is a reprint from the Oct. 17 edition of the Daily Reveille, campus newspaper of LSU-Baton Rouge. We felt, with the controversy about whether to fund additions to Tiger Stadium brewing, this was one of the more rational views of the situation.)

This Saturday night, about 100,000 people, or about half the population of this city will be attending a college football game either at LSU or Southern.

About two-thirds of that crowd will be in Tiger Stadium. And if the Tigers are doing poorly, a lot of them will be booing. For some reason, a number of fans think booing is an important subject for discussion. They are either indignant that anyone should criticize them for booing, or upset that anyone should boo their football team. Dean of Men Arden O. French, for example, has asked dormitory councils to vote for resolutions favoring the football team. A noble gesture, perhaps.

But hardly one that will change the team's playing ability.

The philosophy of the Tiger fan seems to be this: when the team is winning, the fans are happy and everyone goes to games. But when the team loses, the fans curse the team and scream for Coach Mac's resignation.

Why all the fuss? Why all this talk about firing Coach McClendon or not firing him? Isn't football supposed to be a game to be enjoyed?

There is something wrong when so much emphasis is placed on the football team.

It's always been that way at LSU. The Stadium was built as a dormitory in the 30s so it could be paid for with state funds. In the 1950s, construction of the library was held off until South Stadium was built. And this year, the residents of West Stadium were relocated so construction could begin on a stadium expansion project people seem to want less and less.

Maybe we should change our priorities.

Grade reports

To the Editor:

I would like to make the following points about the Midsemester Grade Reports:

1. The whole idea of the Midsemester Grade Reports is in disrepute. Of the four universities I've attended as an undergraduate, this is the ONLY one which issues such reports. (Another issues DEFICIENCY reports, but only if the INSTRUCTOR of the course deems it necessary in INDIVIDUAL cases.)

Also, NONE of the students and instructors to whom I've talked are in favor of the reports' retention.

2. The reports are superfluous. Any student who doesn't know what grade he has been making at midterm can resort to that tried and true method of asking the instructor.

3. The reports are sometimes meaningless. Often an instructor will have only one

grade on which to give his report. Many times term papers, etc. cannot be included in the grade's consideration because it causes them to break for exams at unnatural times in their courses so they will have SOMETHING on which to base their reports.

And those instructors who refuse to break for exams for this reason give grades that are often admittedly meaningless. It is openly admitted that these reports have no bearing whatsoever on the final grades—they are at best a weak indication of them.

4. Finally, since these reports are superfluous and often meaningless, the whole thing is a waste of time and money. Instructors and the Registrar's Office must take time out to prepare and process these reports which the students often don't pick up.

If the grade reports weren't processed, they would be free

for other (presumably) more important things.

Because of the above I feel that the Midsemester Grade Reports should be abolished.

John Austin
Senior

Thanks

To the Editor:

Faculty and staff rarely receive the praise they deserve.

On behalf of Dr. Lillian Hall's Broadcasting 275 "Bicentennial Historical News Broadcast" group, I wish to express our appreciation to Mrs. Doris Lynch, instructor of history, and

to the Department of Communications for their help in preparation of our class project this week.

Garrett Stearns
Senior

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Will inflation be here for another decade?

by GEORGE SYLVIE

Although no 1930s-style depression is in sight for the future, "Inflation will still be around to plague us for at least until the decade's end," said Louis Rukeyser, economic editor for Public Broadcasting Service (PBS).

"The United States cannot isolate the economic future from the political future," Rukeyser commented, adding that the solution lies with politicians' spending policies and not just the economy.

RUKEYSER, nominated for Emmy and Peabody awards for "Rukeyser's World," a radio program heard nationwide on 300 stations, made his comments Oct. 15 as a guest speaker of the Artist and Lecturers Committee.

Rukeyser stated that past political manipulation of economic policy has been "government by flip flop" and the country is in danger of accepting the myth "that everyone is baffled with inflation."

He denounced that belief as "balderdash" and said the real problem was whether the public had the courage to accept the proposed solutions.

Rukeyser left no political administration out of his critical analysis of their economic guidelines. He said former President Richard M. Nixon had a "wobbly" approach to economics and not one of his five annual budgets were in the black.

PRESIDENT Ford's war on inflation was "the shortest war in history" and the only war fought with WIN buttons," he added.

The former ABC News correspondent proposed ten specific areas he said would "help to get the economy on the move" it dealt with properly: public education, the national budget, national monetary policy, banking and credit, labor, productivity, free enterprise, international commodity shortages, foreign policy and individual incentive.

ABOUT public education, Rukeyser cited economic illiteracy concerning inflation and recession "the siamese twins of economic mismanagement" and said President Ford lacked a dynamic assault on the country's economic ills.

He stressed the power of public opinion on economic strategy and said the public needs confidence and honesty from its leaders on economic matter.

Rukeyser expressed a conservative view of the national budget, as he commented that government spending should be controlled, as "that is the only way to control wages and prices." Our monetary policy should help us "overcome the tendency of the Federal Reserve Board to compensate for all mistakes the politicians have made by giving them all the money they ask for."

Campus Personality



Amateur artist Shirley Humphrey is in the process of turning a hobby into a career. The sophomore Fine Arts major collects Indian artifacts. She has pottery, jewelry and a rare Navajo wedding basket in her collection.

Her hobby extends to weaving on her own loom, spinning and coloring vegetables with dye she makes out of nuts. It also has led to her taking anthropology and art courses at LSUS.

Her husband Lee and their five children have lived in Europe and traveled through all the NATO countries as Lee was employed by NATO. Shirley is originally from Ohio and attended school in Florida.

After she graduates, she plans to go to the University of South Dakota and study an Indian artist. Also, her plans include doing research in the evolution of Indian art and eventually write a book about the topic.

Graebner to speak here

Dr. Norman A. Graebner, an Edward R. Stettinius professor of modern American history at the University of Virginia, Charlottesville, will be a bicentennial speaker at LSUS Tuesday.

The title of Dr. Graebner's talk is "Freedom, the United States, and the World Environment." The program will be at 10:30 a.m. in the Science Lecture Auditorium.

Graebner is sponsored by the LSUS Bicentennial and Artists and Lecturers committees and the Social Science Department.

His education includes a B.S. degree from Milwaukee State Teachers College (now the University of Wisconsin — Milwaukee), an M.A. degree in history from the University of Oklahoma and a Ph.D. degree in history from the University of Chicago.



For the past 25 years he has taught at Iowa State University, Stanford University and the University of Illinois where he was chairman of the history department and an associate member of the Center for Advanced Studies.

In 1963 he was a Fulbright Lecturer at the University of Queensland, Brisbane, Australia. He delivered Com-

monwealth Fund Lecturers at the University of London in 1958, and in 1962 presented the Walter Lynwood Fleming Lectures at LSU on "The Divided South, 1848." From 1967-69 he was appointed to the University of Virginia's Center for Advanced Study.

His books include "Empire on the Pacific," "The New Isolationism," "Cold War Diplomacy," "Ideas and Diplomacy," "History of the American People," and "Recent United States History."

Additionally he has edited "The Enduring Lincoln," "An Uncertain Tradition: American Secretaries of State in the Twentieth Century," "Politics and the Crisis of 1860," "The Cold War: Ideological Conflict or Power Struggle?" and "Manifest Destiny." His other

writings on American politics and foreign policy include 80 articles and portions of books. Presently he is contributing editor of "Current History."

The program is open free of charge to the public.

Bicentennial film

to be presented

Wednesday

The LSUS Bicentennial Committee will present the third of eight Geographic films titled "Black Winter" at 12:15 p.m. Wednesday in the Science Lecture Auditorium.

The 30-minute film is about a re-enlistment decision that one of Washington's privates must make.

"George Washington: The Making of a Rebel" was shown recently. The film was about Parliament's closing the port of Boston in retaliation for the Tea Party.

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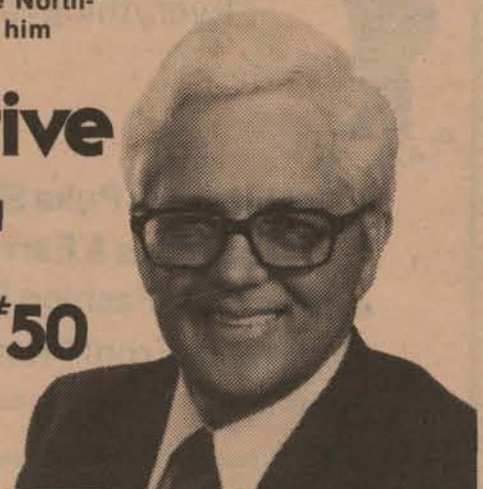


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Twin pairs

Prof sees double

by SANDY BELLAR

An amazing set of circumstances has caused double trouble for Dr. W.A. Vekovius, assistant professor of mathematics. There are two sets of twins enrolled in his Algebra 121 sections.

Another coincidence is that they are all 18-year-old freshmen who reside in Keithville.

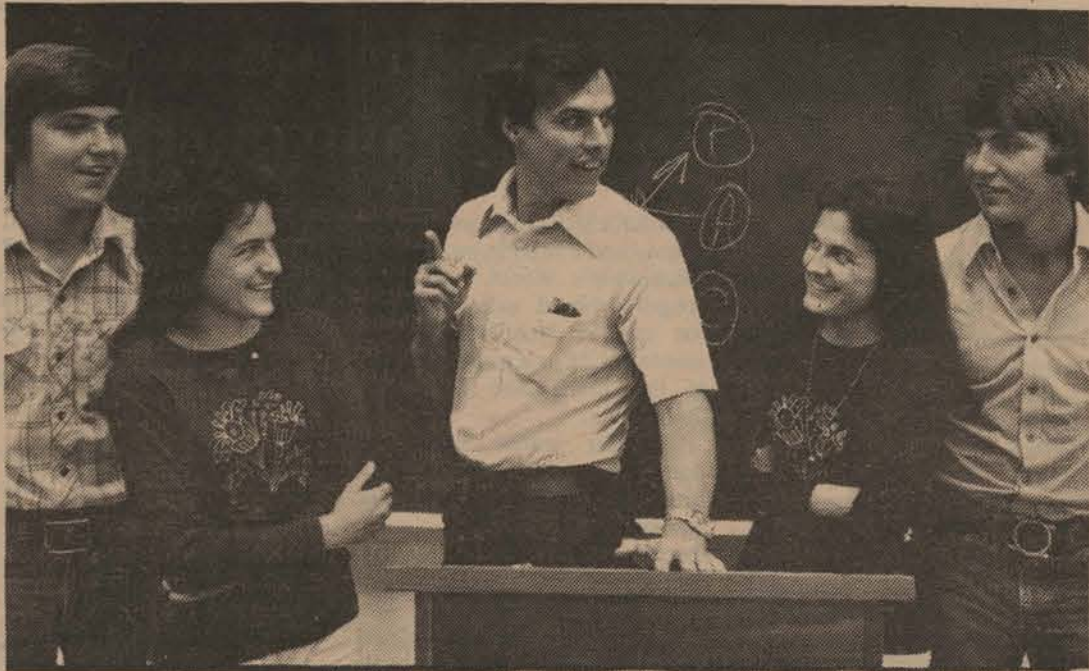
The girls are Bonnie and Robin Moore, both preagriculture majors. They like athletics and animals, especially dogs, such as the Russian Wolfhound they present in shows.

The boys are Curtis and Carl Prothro. Both are general studies majors and both like sports and cars.

"There is some difference but not much in their grades," said Vekovius. "I can tell the girls apart because one has longer hair than the other. On the other hand, one boy combs his hair to the right while the other combs his to the left," he added.

One unusual thing is that one of the boys is right handed and the other left. Each set of twins shares the same tastes in food and clothes. Also, they have the same emotional make-up, creating a closeness between them.

Both sets said it is hard for their mothers to tell them apart when she is in a hurry. Moreover, they can become confused and think they are talking to each other when they are actually talking to a mirror, the twins joked.



Dr. W. A. Vekovius ponders a unique situation. Twins in two sections of Algebra 121 creates double trouble. Dr. Vekovius is shown with Bonnie and Robin Moore and Curtis and Carl Prothro while he sorts out his confusion. (photo: Greg Goodwin)

★ SGA news

Continued from page one.

State Fair Booth. "A lot of members have not volunteered to help with the SGA State Fair Booth at any time. This booth is real good publicity for the University and is good for the SGA too. Two senators have taken a 3 to 9 p.m. shift which will be pretty rough for two people to handle. It is turning out as if the SGA is run by just a few people. . . just remember that you are elected by the students and you do have to give a little bit of time," Beauvais concluded.

Susan Smith addressed the chair and said she should not have been called out of order at the past week's meeting. She explained that she had the right to debate an issue and that she doesn't "care what I have to say—if its completely irrelevant to the subject—I have that right. . . I was called out of order illegally, I made an appeal and my appeal was not heard. It was not decided upon, I was called out of order again and I don't want it to happen again. I just wanted the Senate to know I was right in my rules of order and I was very upset. I'm not going to take up your time with something irrelevant," Smith concluded.

In other actions the Senate approved a resolution to purchase of a cork bulletin board for the Snack Bar and another for the SGA office.

Update

The Student Government Association (SGA) Senate met in a special session Tuesday to unanimously adopt a special logo for the SGA and to discuss a request by President Bill Lyons for a four-member committee to assist him in assessing the Picket Food Service at LSUS.

Appointments to this committee will be presented to the Senate at the next regularly scheduled meeting. The committee will report their findings to Dr. A. J. Howell, vice chancellor for Business Affairs.

New members were also added to the Student Welfare Committee and SGA vice president Tim Hardy reprimanded senators for abuse of proxy attendance.

Sam Reno, SGA treasurer, also gave the first report this semester on the SGA budget. Of the \$8,575 budget, \$7,144 remains to date. Two major expenditures have been for a new electric typewriter and for a telephone bill which is paid in advance, Lyons explained.

The appointment of Janet Messer to replace senator-at-large Carol Knox gained Senate approval. Also noted was the passage of Amendment I to the SGA Constitution, ratified by a vote of 395 for and 27 against by the student body.

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Bike course set for spring

by SANDY BELLAR

A course to teach the mechanical, riding techniques and physical fitness aspects of bicycling, Health and Physical Education 126, will be taught during the spring semester.

The course will include the history of bikes, and films and demonstrations of mechanics, said Dr. Kenneth Purdy, assistant professor of health and physical education and course instructor.

Students will learn how to pick out a bike according to the riders size. There will also be discussions of bicycle maintenance and use of equipment such as repair kits and hiking gear.

Futhermore, the course is open to anyone enrolled in LSUS with access to a bike. However, it will be limited to 40 students. The class will conclude with a bicycling tour which is the key aspect of the physical fitness part of the course.

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Rep. Walter Bigby of Bossier City, Rep. Joe Cooper of Mansfield and Sen. Don Williamson of Vivian have been unceasing in their efforts on behalf of LSUS, and I believe these men are vital to the future of this fine institution.

Although I do not live in their districts, I am doing all I can to see that we continue to benefit from their services. I would hope each of you would do the same.

Sincerely,

Randall M. Beach

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Dr. Frank Lower, assistant professor of communications, participates in volleyball action which got underway Oct. 14 at Fort Humbug.

'Sleuth' opens new theatre

by ELEANOR CULICK
Special to Almagest

Theatre One opened last week most auspiciously with Anthony Shaffer's diabolical-clever mystery thriller, "Sleuth." It is a twisting, turning series of fiendish events that the British seem to do so well.

Andrew Wyke, an intellectual writer of mystern stories, invites his wife's lover to his stately country home so that he might indulge himself in a series of games — games that require intense concentration, as a chess game would — and the plot thickens.

THE LOVER, a rather innocuous young man who earns his living as a travel agent, finds himself the unwitting pawn and enters the game unwillingly.

Soon, however, he gets caught up in the intrigue and rather than be the buffoon, devises his own games to match Wyke's cunning.

To reveal any more of the plot would spoil the play for those of you who intend to go, and go you should.

AS ANDREW Wyke, Robert Lightsey returns to the stage in the type of role that suits him so well. He has a firm hold on his character all throughout the first act, and it is all one can do to hold still as one watches this mad Englishman draw the unsuspecting Milo Tindel into his web.

Terry Hansen, all unsuspecting confusion, allows Wyke to lead him through the maze of the entire first act. His metamorphosis in the second act is most convincing.

The actors are on stage every minute, therefore the demands made on them are considerable and they rise to the occasion consistently.

THE SET is an absolute marvel, complete in every minute detail to the home of a wealthy man. The few technical aspects of the production that did not go off as planned on opening night have been righted. Jerry Benefiel, technical director, is to be congratulated for bringing to Shreveport one of the hand-somest sets in a very long time.

Theatre One's moving force is its managing director Sheila Christenson. She has displayed once again her strength in dealing with plays that might send other directors into spasm.

The pacing is excellent, she has blocked her actors well and kept the action going without a let up. The debut of "Sleuth" as a forerunner to her season of interesting plays is a winner.

A GROUP OF young,

dedicated people took an old building and with their bare hands transformed it into a warm, handsome, functional playhouse. It is a most welcome addition to Shreveport's theatre community.

Theatre One, located on Line Avenue near Byrd High School, will be showing "Sleuth" this Friday and Saturday at 8 p.m. Student tickets are available. The box office is open from 1-5 p.m. Call 869-1275.

LSUS to host bicentennial debates

A Bicentennial Youth Debate is being sponsored by the Speech Communication Association in conjunction with the American Revolution Bicentennial Administration, according to Dr. Frank Lower, assistant professor of communications.

The contest is open to all college students between 18 and 25 and scholarship and cash awards will be offered in three events: Lincoln-Douglas

Debate, Persuasive Speaking and Extemporaneous Speaking. Local winners will advance to the district competition.

The local tournament will be Oct. 29 from 2-4 p.m. Contestants should come to room 360, Bronson Hall, for speaking assignments.

Anyone interested in participating should register with Dr. Lower in room 352, Bronson Hall.

by CARLOS COLON
Special to the Almagest

George Anders, 24-year-old senior English major, besides worrying about his studies, also constantly worries about how to make the student body aware and interested in Spectra, the official LSUS literary magazine.

Anders is the 1975-76 editor of Spectra, an annual publication distributed free to the students each spring.

SPECTRA is an outlet for student and faculty expression in the fields of prose, poetry, photography and art. However, Anders is disappointed with the poor response Spectra has been receiving recently.

"People just don't contribute," he said. "Most don't know what Spectra is. They pick up a copy one year and then forget."

Anders has had previous experience with Spectra. He was an assistant editor last year

and a contributor the year before.

Anders discussed plans for the 1976 Spectra as he and his wife busily prepared the house for a Spectra staff party. He scurried back and forth, while he tried to talk, take care of his baby girl and make sangria at the same time.

"WE CAN anticipate some drastic changes in Spectra's format," the editor said. "We are going to experiment with different styles and points (sizes) of type."

Last year was the first time Spectra was printed on campus and there were many problems, particularly with the glossy paper which was used, he said. The print on some pages smeared or bled through.

He said there was also poor quality of reproduction on many of the photographs and drawing.

These were problems which Anders believes could not have possibly been foreseen, but which hopefully will be corrected.

Spectra will probably remain 52 pages, although Anders said there may be more emphasis on selectivity. He would like to see longer works included, but this all depends on the contributions which so far have been very few.

He strongly encourages student submissions and would like to see a greater number from the faculty also.

ONE OF THE main concerns of the Spectra staff is the interests of the reader.

"We have to cater to members of the student body who are largely ignorant of literature in general," Anders remarked.

Ideally, Spectra's contents should be able to offer something for even the least literary-oriented person, he said, adding that this is what he is striving for.

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'Smallest circus' visits LSUS

Special to Almagest

For those interested in the circus, Father Nick Weber's smallest circus in the world recently visited LSUS, brightening the afternoon for many students.

Last Friday Father Weber presented his daring walk up a ladder of sharp swords and his fire breathing act while students, faculty and children watched, sitting in the corner of the mall.

SOME OF his corny jokes landed with a thud and some lit up the afternoon with hearty laughter.

When he brought out Dorothy, his baby black bear, the audience sighed at once. His obstinate spider monkey, Penelope, finally gave a spectacular display on the parallel bars, using all five limbs and gaining a terrific "Awww" from the audience.

THE STORY OF the shoemaker and the giant seemed drawn out, but it got its point across. The story of the man with the false humility showed how it doesn't pay to cover up courageous deeds.

"Circus in my life," the long-haired priest who resembles Buffalo Bill said after the performance. "Circus has got to be the humblest business in the world."

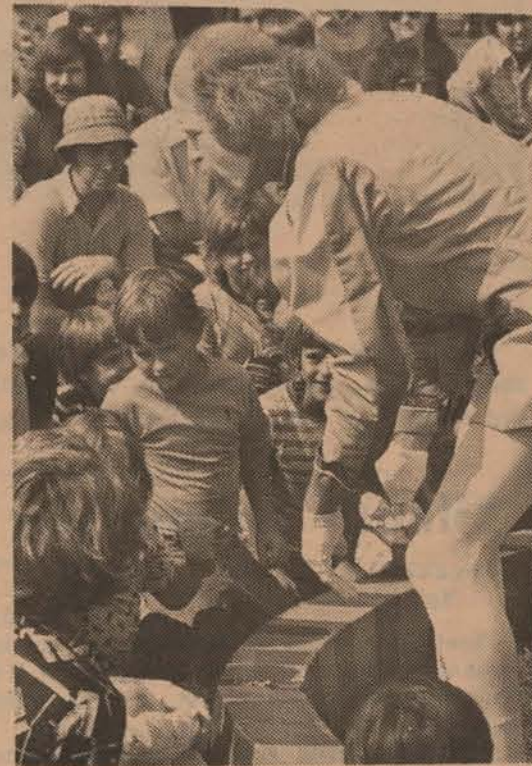
BESIDES being an ordained Jesuit priest, Nick Weber has a masters degree in drama. He also studied at the University of California at Berkeley. After directing community theater in California for two years, he decided to go full time into the circus business.

The traveling Shakespeare lives in San Jose, Calif. with his partners, Kevin and Tommy. The Royal Lichtenstein Circus, as they call it, is on its fourth national tour. They will return to LSUS in December.

"People miss the best trick of all," Father Weber said as he stuffed his regular-sized van with not only his equipment but also horse, bear, monkey and dog.



Kevin and Tommy show how the newspaper "colors" hankys along with the news.



Father Weber converses with "the little people" who came to see the world's smallest circus.

Story by Louis Soule

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Turn in your answers to the Math Office.

Previous winners include: Amile Fontenot, Mike Owens, George Sylvie, Russ McJunkins, Jim Webster, Tim Ene, Bob Gibson and George Leritte.

(Editor's note: The Almagest has received several questions concerning Brain Teasers. This is a weekly project run by the Math Club. All answers should be taken to the Math Department for points towards an award to be given the end of this year. The first three people with the right answer win a point. The Almagest can not print the answers, however, because of lack of space. The Math Department will supply solutions after the three right answers have been turned in.)

P.E. workshop

Sandra S. Bowen, assistant professor of health and physical education, will conduct a physical education workshop in the Headstart program at the Carver YMCA today.

Tutor service

Veterans and eligible dependents are reminded of the Tutorial Special Supplementary Assistance available through the Veterans Administration (VA). The VA will pay for tutoring, up to a maximum of \$60 per month, and not to exceed \$720 during the entire school period.

Eligible applicants must be enrolled on at least a half-time basis and must have a deficiency in a subject which is required by his degree program. Students wanting more information may contact Robert Dunbar, Bronson Hall, room 102.

Church open

St. Luke's United Methodist Church, 6312 Sandbeach Blvd. is open to LSUS students Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to noon.

A game room (pingpong, pool) study room and kitchen facilities available for snacks are open to all students.

Architect sketches

Preliminary architectural sketches and blueprints of the proposed University Center are now on display in the Science Building Conference Room, room 102, according to Chancellor Donald E. Shipp. The Chancellor emphasized that these plans are not final but that the final plans are to be expected before the end of this semester.

Biology speaker

Larry Raymond, naturalist and biologist for the new Walter Jacobs Nature Park for Caddo Parish, discussed "Fishes of the Hill Province Section of the Ouachita River," recently on campus. He was sponsored by the LSUS Biology Club.

Sigma Alpha Upsilon

Sigma Alpha Upsilon Service Fraternity will have a Pot Luck Supper tonight at 6:30 in the Snack Bar. Performers from the players division will present a new play, 'Tar Baby.' The meeting is open to all members, pledges and friends.

Psychology Club

The next meeting of the Psychology Club will be Nov. 15, at 7:30 p.m. in the Robert Shemwell home, 575 Oneonta. Dr. Barbara Zimmerman, whose topic will be "Language Development," will be the guest speaker.

Senior rings

John Roberts will display senior rings in the Snack Bar Oct. 30. He also has a discount on gold rings for students.

Delta Sigma Phi

Delta Sigma Phi Fraternity recently held a successful blood drive for the Emergency Blood Bank. Fifteen members donated a pint of blood during the service project.

A party is planned for Nov. 8 in honor of the children at the Holy Angels School for the mentally retarded, according to Tim Hardy, project chairman.

Friday, October 24
Entries close for golf.
7 and 9:30 p.m.—"Casino Royale," SLA, rated PG.

Saturday, October 25
9:30 a.m.—Chess tournament, Snack Bar.
Presentation of Pledges—Panhellenic

Monday, October 27
12 noon—Shorts in Snack Bar, "Be Big," starring Laurel and Hardy.
7 p.m.—Intramural basketball, Fort Humbug gym.

Tuesday, October 28
7-9:30 p.m.—Notary Review Short Course, Bronson Hall, room 263.
8:30 p.m.—League Bowling, Tebbe's Bowlero.

Wednesday, October 29
12:15 p.m.—Bicentennial Film, "Black Winters," SLA.
7 p.m.—Intramural basketball, Fort Humbug gym.

Thursday, October 30
6:30 p.m.—Volleyball, Fort Humbug gym.

Friday, October 31
1, 7 and 9:30 p.m.—"The Great Gatsby," SLA, rated PG.

Pi Sigma Epsilon

Pi Sigma Epsilon, business fraternity, will hold an Information Night Wednesday in the Snack Bar. Students, alumni, faculty and professional members of Pi Sigma Epsilon will be available to answer questions students may have about the goals and benefits of the organization, according to Jimmy Cousins, president.

Bagatelle photos

Any organization wishing to have activity pictures taken for the yearbook please notify the Bagatelle staff, Bronson Hall room 228, at least one week in advance.

Radio show

Cindy McManus interviews Phyllis Graham, director of placement, on KFLO Radio, 1300 AM, at 3:30 p.m. Saturday and 8:45 a.m. Sunday. The subject is "The Placement Officer."

Foreign language

Albert Riusech, assistant professor of Spanish, said the LSUS Foreign Language Department celebrated National Foreign Language week recently. The week was designated as a Bicentennial salute to the foreign languages that played a part in America's history.

Telstar

"Telstar" will show the James Bond film, "Casino Royale" today in the Science Lecture Auditorium at 7 and 9:30 p.m.

Prof travels

Mrs. Shirley S. Brown, chairman of the department of foreign languages, attended an Executive Board meeting of the Council for the Development of French in Louisiana (CODOFIL) at the University of South Louisiana in Lafayette on Oct. 10.

Debaters tour

Byrd High School debaters and their coach, Raymond Rogers, toured LSUS recently. They were welcomed by LSUS debate coach Dr. Frank Lower, Assistant Librarian William E. McCleary and debater Raelene Pell.

Student personnel

Dr. Jimmy N. Smith, vice chancellor for academic affairs, and Joe Simon, director of student activities, recently attended the meeting of the annual Louisiana Association of College and University Student Personnel Administrators in Hammond, La.

Marilyn Gibson, assistant professor of English, recently presented the first in a series of six lectures to the Belle Lettres Woman's Department Club. Topic was "Thomas Hardy: Time Torn Man."

She also has slides of "LSUS At Oxford" at the state fair.

Business seminar

A seminar on effective business management, "Developing Your Managerial Skills For A More Profitable Future," is being taught on campus Oct. 23 through Nov. 20.

It is sponsored by the Small Business Administration, the LSUS College of Business Administration and the LSUS Department of Conferences and Institutes.

Open to anyone, the seminar will meet on Thursdays from 7 to 9 p.m. No grades will be given and the fee is \$30.

Anyone wanting further information may contact John Powell at 865-7121, ext. 262.

Chase speaks

Edgar L. Chase, director of student financial aid, recently discussed "Scholarship and Financial Aid Programs in 1975," at a Bossier Parish "College Night" for high school juniors and seniors and their parents at Parkway High School.

★ Fair booth.....

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said the only reason anything about the booth was brought up was because "a minority of two or three people, some of who are not even in the senate" had started the "rumor" without "factual knowledge. They made a judgement, perhaps accidentally, I don't know, that was erroneous."

"This trouble is only a passing thing. I want to make it clear the senate is not dividing into factions; we are working together and we are accomplishing things," Lyons said.

"There are still a few people who, because of the elections last year, still hold animosity towards Tim. I want to make it loud and clear I still have faith in Tim. I am still backing him

all the way."

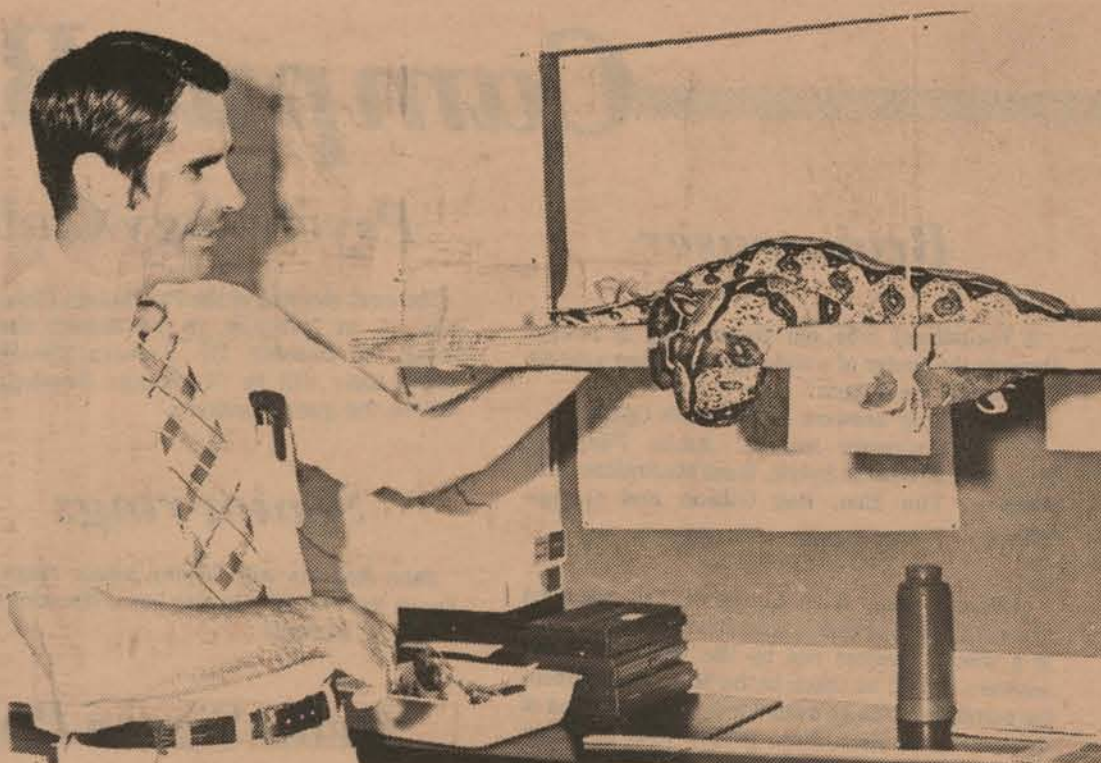
At least one campus group was upset with the handling of the booth. Jackie Carter, a member of the Sigma Alpha Players, a children's theater group that has performed at the fair booth several times, said she had tried to get in contact with Hardy several times before the fair. "I was told for several weeks he would get in touch with us, but he never did. Finally, we talked to him but were told we were too late for the passes we needed," she said.

Although it was not clear who, if anyone, was actually at fault for the late planning, most SGA members agreed Beauvis had done most of the work. "He has done an outstanding job," Lyons said.

Placement schedule

Interviews with various employers will be conducted by the Placement Office for graduating seniors. Students completing degree requirements in December and May can schedule interviews with employers through the Placement Office, according to Phyllis Graham, director of placement.

Monday, Oct. 27	West America Financial Management
Tuesday, Oct. 28	U.S. Marine Corps
Wednesday, Oct. 29	U.S. Marine Corps
Friday, Oct. 31	Caddo Parish School Board
Monday, Nov. 3	Enviro South Limited
Tuesday, Nov. 4	Bossier Parish School Board
Wednesday, Nov. 5	Barksdale Credit Union
	Aetna Insurance Company
Thursday, Nov. 6	Amalgamated Productions
	Bingham-Willamette
	U.S. Air Force
Monday, Nov. 10	Agnew Town & Country Day School
Tuesday, Nov. 11	Holy Rosary School
	Webster Parish School Board
Tuesday, Nov. 18	Action Peace Corps
Wednesday, Dec. 3	Action Peace Corps
Thursday, Dec. 4	Pilot Life Insurance Company
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Snakes alive

Dr. Laurence M. Hardy, associate professor of biological sciences, watches over a 6-foot Boa Constrictor which greeted visitors at the recent Biology Club in the Life Science Museum in the Science Building. Specimens like the snake are collected on Biology Club field trips. (photo: Greb Goodwin)

Biology collection result of trips

by SANDY BELLAR

The collection of animals and plants in the biology museum, room 204 of the Science Building, is the result of the Biology Club's many and varied field trips.

This past year members went on a weekend training excursion in the Arkansas mountains, toured the Atchafalaya Basin, made a December trip to the Everglades and spent two weeks during the spring break in Cloudercroft, New Mexico.

ACCORDING to Becky Bass, past president, the purpose of the trips is to research the habitat of plants and animals and collect them for the museum. Also, items for display are sometimes gathered by trading specimens collected on the excursions with other museums.

"The field trips give students enrolled in Field Biology a chance to do laboratory work using the scientific method in natural settings," she said.

Club members form an automobile caravan in which they travel to the campsite.

"WE CAMP out along the way. Wherever we stop specimens are collected,"

Becky said. "Additionally, the Biology Department and the club have most of the gear including the tents and collecting equipment needed on the trips," she added.

On the average, 11 students and two or three faculty members travel together. Club members choose the campsites by vote during meetings taking into consideration that each state has its own variety of specimens to record.

BECKY ADDED, "Every time there is a significant change in vegetation, different animals and plants will be found."

At the Biology Department chairman Dr. Richard K. Spears' cabin in the Oachita Mountains in Arkansas, club members are trained in field gathering techniques.

"They screen themselves as to whether they really want to become a field biologist," Becky explained.

A highlight of this past year's excursions is the five-foot Eastern Diamond Back rattlesnake which was added to the museum when the group traveled the Everglades.

"WE KNOCKED it out with a wooden stump and picked it up

with a pair of snake tongs," Becky said.

On the trip to the Atchafalaya Basin, "Dr. Laurence M. Hardy (associate professor of biological sciences) helped the group band a Screech Owl for the government," Becky continued. "Dr. Hardy has a state bird banding permit which makes this type of experience possible. However this particular owl became a club pet. It ate breadcrumbs and stayed at the camp site," she added.

Finally, even though it was unusually cold for the time of year, the group enjoyed two weeks in Cloudercroft, New Mexico.

HERE, THE group collected specimens around the White Sands National Monument, Carlsbad Caverns and the Chiricahua Mountains in Arizona. There was snow on the ground in some areas and a campfire was needed for warmth at night.

A drawback was "the animals were not active in the cold temperature."

This year's newly elected officers are Philip Barbour, president; Michael Yates vice president; and Dianne Emerson, treasurer. Club sponsors are Dr. Hardy, Dr. Robert Kalinsky, Dorothy A. Cady and Robert Haynes.

Field trip expenses are financed by club fund raising projects such as rummage sales and car washes.

"The excursions may not be what most consider a vacation type; but, to me they are total vacations," concluded Becky who eagerly anticipates a possible field trip to Mexico as one of this year's campouts.

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